
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

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TEXT: *2 Timothy 2:1-15 KJV*

Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. (2) ***And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also***. (3) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. (4) No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (5) And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. (6) The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits. (7) Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. (8) Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: (9) Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. (10) Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. (11) *It is* a faithful saying: For if we be dead with *him,* we shall also live with *him:* (12) If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him:* if we deny *him,* he also will deny us: (13) If we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. (14) Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, *but* to the subverting of the hearers. (15) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

INTRO: *The True Disciple of Christ*

The Apostle Paul is writing to Timothy whom he is mentoring in the faith. He is teaching – training – encouraging – challenging Timothy to be a ***Disciple of Christ*** who ***disciples others***, who ***disciple others*** and so on!

A True Disciple

I. Commit to Faithful Men

2 Timothy 2:2 KJV

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

A group of Christ's disciples who are making more disciples of Christ so that they can in turn make more disciples of Christ and on and on until Christ returns!

A True Disciple

II. As A Good Soldier → Endure Hardness

2 Timothy 2:3 KJV

Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24:4-9 KJV

And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. (5) For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (6) And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. (7) For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. (8) All these *are* the beginning of sorrows. (9) Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: ***and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake***.

We Are No Longer Living In The 1970 – The Jesus Movement – When It Was Hip To Follow Christ

Christians are now beginning to be classified as terrorists in America – *

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

America is no longer being labeled as a Christian Nation

Social Issues such as Abortion – Homosexuality – Marriage – Freedom of Speech – The Right to Bear Arms …… ***HATE SPEECH***

"To warn someone of impending danger and to offer them a way of escape is not HATE… To speak the Truth in Love is commanded in Scripture and to keep silent would be considered criminal when in the end all is revealed."

Instances of the Christian faith coming under attack in the military include:

Commanders barred from disclosing any programs that are tied to the Chaplaincy or any programs involving religion;

The Air Force banning the word 'God' from an Air force patch logo – even though the reference had no religious connotation;

A Navy directive that banned Bibles at Walter Reed Hospital;

Military Says Crosses Disrespect Other Faiths

Army Silences Catholic Chaplains

Army Removes Steeple, Crosses, From Chapel

Congressman says: There Is War On Religion In Military

SBC Website Blocked From Army Bases In Us

An Army Reserve training program that listed Evangelical Christians and Catholics as examples of religious extremism; ***(PICTURE BELOW)***

An Army email that listed prominent Christian ministries like the Family Research Council and American Family Association as "domestic hate groups.

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The Pentagon has released a statement confirming that soldiers could be prosecuted for promoting their faith: ***"Religious***

proselytization is not permitted within the Department of Defense…Court martials and non-judicial punishments are decided on a case-by-case basis…".

Tim Tebow scorned for his faith in Christ

Jason Collins applauded for publicly announcing he is a homosexual
(gets a phone call from Obama)

The BE- Attitudes

Matthew 5:10-13 KJV *A True Disciple*

Blessed *are* they which are ***persecuted for righteousness' sake***: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (11) Blessed are ye, when *men* shall ***revile you***, and ***persecute*** *you*, and shall ***say all manner of evil against you falsely***, **for my sake**. (12) Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. (13) Ye are the **salt** of the earth: but if the **salt** have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be **salted**? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

2 Timothy 2:8-10 KJV *A True Disciple*

Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: (9) Wherein ***I suffer trouble, as an evil doer,*** *even* ***unto bonds;*** but the word of God is not bound. (10) Therefore ***I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation*** which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

III. *Study to Show Yourself Approved*

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV *A True Disciple*

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

S – Stay in the Word – Abide in the Word and the Word Abide in you

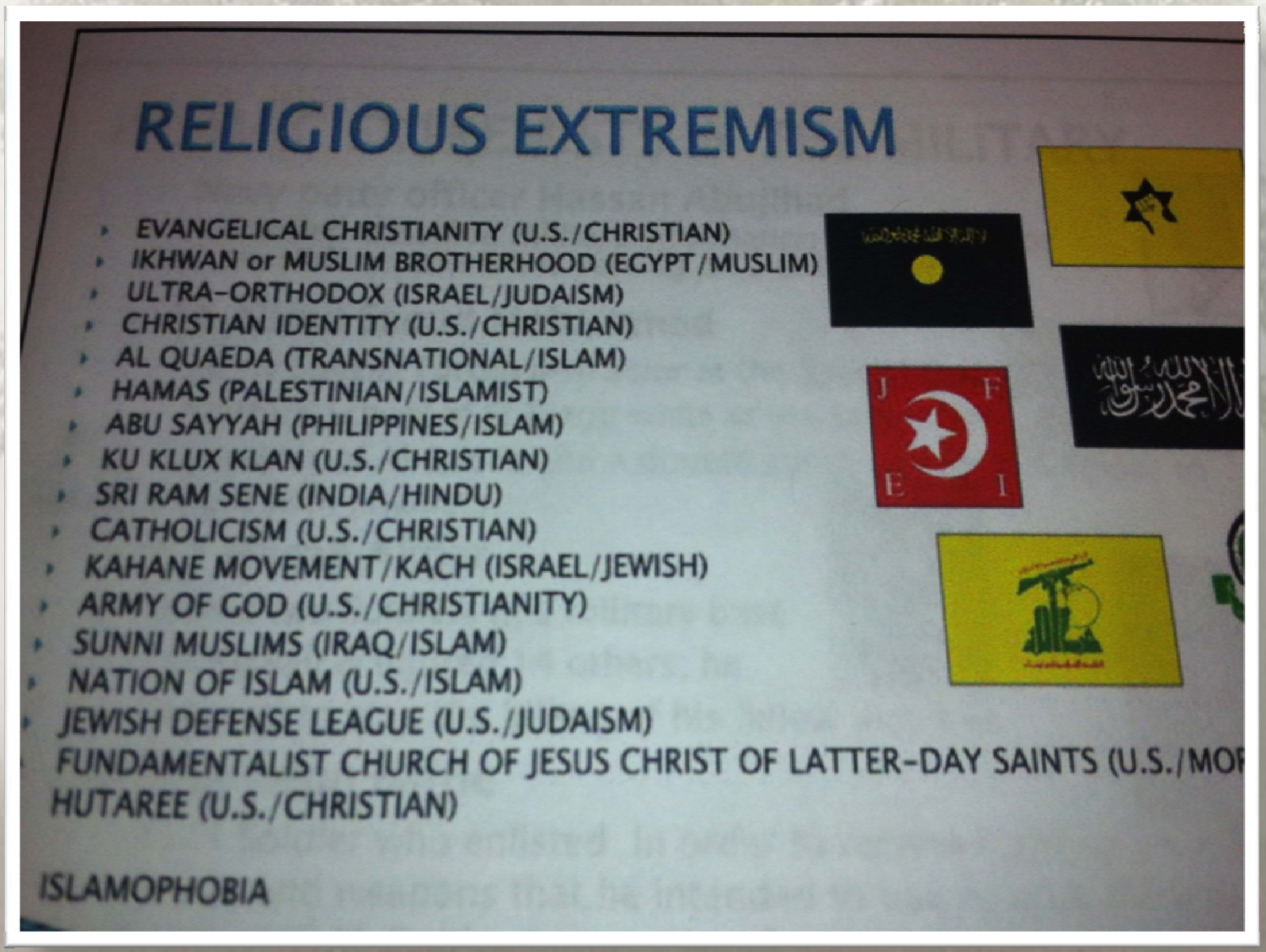
T – Test what you learn against other scripture

U – Use what the Holy Spirit teaches you immediately – put it into action

D – Disciple someone else – Teach them what you've been taught

Y – Yield yourself to the authority of God's Word

(Whatever He says to you do it!)



The attached analysis, entitled PROJECT MEGIDDO, is an FBI strategic assessment of the potential for domestic terrorism in the United States undertaken in anticipation of or response to the arrival of the new millennium.

Religiously based domestic terrorists use the New Testament's Book of Revelation -- the prophecy of the endtime -- for the foundation of their belief in the apocalypse. ***Religious extremists interpret the symbolism portrayed in the Book of Revelation and mold it to predict that the endtime is now and that the Apocalypse is near***. To understand many religious extremists, it is crucial to know the origin of the Book of Revelation and the meanings of its words, numbers and characters.

The Book of Revelation was written by a man named "John" who was exiled by the Roman government to a penal colony - the island of Patmos - because of his beliefs in Christ.[7] While on the island, he experienced a series of visions, described in the Book of Revelation. The writing in the Book of Revelation is addressed to churches who were at the time experiencing or were threatened by persecution from Rome because they were not following the government. For this reason, some believe the Book of Revelation was written in code language, much of which was taken from other parts of the Bible. One interpretation describing the essence of the message contained in Revelation is that God will overcome Christianity's enemies (Roman Government/Satan) and that the persecuted communities should persevere.[8] For right-wing groups who believe they are being persecuted by the satanic government of the United States, the Book of Revelation's message fits perfectly into their world view. This world view, in combination with a literal interpretation of the Book of Revelation, is reflected in extremist ideology, violent acts, and literature.

So, going by this, as of 1999, our government considers those that take the book of Revelation to be literal, as "Religiously based domestic terrorists."

7 While he never claimed to be the book's author, the Apostle John was identified as such by several of the early church Fathers. Authorship is generally ascribed to him today.
8This interpretation of the Book of Revelation is according to the Catholic Bible and a Catholic scholar that was consulted on the matter. However, there are other varying interpretations of the Book of Revelation within Christianity.
9All symbolism was taken from The Catholic Bible; New American Bible